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MINUTES OF THE ELEVENTH MEETING OF SUBCOMMITTEE ON
EXPLOITATION OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE DOCUMENTS

2 October 1953

Present

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Members: [REDACTED], CIA, Chairman
CIA
Stanley Wilcox, State
John A. Lacey, State
Maj. Matthias F. Donelan, Air Force

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Consultants: George Fughe, Air Information Division,
[REDACTED] CIA Library of Congress
[REDACTED] CIA
[REDACTED] CIA
Maj. Howard G. Neuman, Air Force

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Observers: [REDACTED], CIA
[REDACTED] CIA

1. The eleventh meeting convened at 1400 hours, 2 October 1953, in Room 2125 M Building. The following amendment was made on the minutes of the tenth meeting:

State (Mr. Lacey) stated that his statement, "This would undoubtedly demonstrate that existing facilities were not adequate to meet these needs," did not properly convey his meaning and should read: "If the true needs of the consumers are known it will probably result in a determination that existing facilities would have to be expanded or refocused in order to meet those needs."

2. Continuation of discussion on draft report. The committee generally agreed that the draft report is not sufficiently concrete in its recommendations and should be approached on the basis of marshalling the ideas for presentation rather than verbage.

State (Mr. Wilcox) suggested that some clarity might be achieved if the members answer for their agencies the question, "How much do you rely on FDD for support in providing information from Soviet publications?" In following this approach Mr. Wilcox stated that FDD was of secondary concern to the Department for current reporting from the press, but of a major concern in providing basic and background studies. He continued that of the information available 70% to 80% comes from Soviet publications.

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There followed a discussion on general needs of collations versus spot reporting.

State (Mr. Wilcox) suggested that a pertinent question at this point was, "If FDD ceased reporting on scraps of information, what agencies would be hurt by such action?", adding that State would not.

Air Force (Maj. Donelan) stated that Air Force would not.

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CIA [REDACTED] stated that he believed the Agency's view would be that FDD as a coordinator should report on what is and what is not being reported by the exploitation facilities of governmental and nongovernmental agencies. He continued that the Agency needs, in addition to answers to specific requirements, annotations on all the literature, including an accounting for all the contents of the papers such as, news reports and advertisements. Such annotations would constitute "Research Aids." [REDACTED] stated that the basic needs of the Agency could be covered by a continuing type of reporting that shows what is available in foreign literature, stating that he would rather know what has not been covered than to go to FDD and ask them to get all available information on a certain subject.

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State (Mr. Wilcox) believed this would be an ^{inappropriate} use of FDD's facilities.

3. The agenda for the next meeting will be the continuation of discussion of the draft report.

4. Meeting adjourned at 1545 hours, 2 October 1953. The next meeting will be held at 1400 hours, 16 October 1953, in Room 2125 M Building.

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